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Claims 1-2 and 12-13 are canceled. Claims 3-11 are withdrawn as non-elected invention. Claims 14-27 are pending and under examination.

The reply filed on 7/9/01 (Paper # 15) is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because: It changed the nature of the invention. It is noted that applicant in response to previous office action canceled all pending claims directed to Group I (enzymes) and added claims 14-27 which are directed to non-elected inventions (i.e. methods of use and making the thermophilic beta-glycosidase). Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed **to provide claims directed to Group I invention which was originally elected** in order to avoid abandonment of this application.

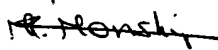
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